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FOR: EB/TRP: MR. O'DONNELL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPAP, ETRD, ISO

SUBJECT: SUGAR -- US STOCK PLAN, CALL BY EGYPT REP, MR. SAYED M. EL-SAYED EL-BOUS

- 1. MR. EL-BOUS CALLED ON EMB COMMODITIES OFFICER MORNING JULY 18, TO DISUCSS US RESERVE STOCK AND FINANCING SCHEME. EL-BOUS SAID HIS CALL WAS IN HIS CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF LDC SUGAR IMPORTERS AS WELL AS EGYPTIAN REP. HE SAID HE WAS INVITED TO THE JULY CONSULTATION BY JONES-PARRY ON THIS BASIS. HE SAID CAIRO HAD SENT TEXT OF THE US PROPOSAL FOLLOWING A CALL BY ECON COUNSELOR MADDOX BUT THAT HE DID NOT HAVE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.
- 2. EL-BOUS HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING US PROPOSAL. HE DID, HOWEVER, HAVE A NUMBER OF CONCERNS WHICH HE WISHED TO PUT FORWARD, AS LDC SPOKESMAN, AS FOLLOWS:
- (A) US PROPOSAL MAKES NO PROVISION FOR LDC PREFERENCE. EL-BOUS URGED THAT LDCS WITH A GNP BELOW AGREED SUM SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM COLLECTING THE STABILIZATION FEE ON THEIR IMPORTS.
- (B) NOTING THAT THERE WAS NO EXPLICIT LINKAGE WITH "THE COMMON FUND" EL-BOUS POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND WOULD SEEK SUCH LINKAGE IN ANY FINAL DOCUMENT.

- (C) AS A LESS IMPORTANT POINT, EL-BOUS FELT INTEREST FREE LOANS SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO DEVELOPED EXPORTERS.
- 3. WITH REGARD TO OTHER MATTERS. EL-BOUS REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE 10-20 CENT PRICE RANGE DISCUSSED IN GENEVA WAS TOO HIGH. HE SAID EGYPT FELT THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN SETTING THE FLOOR (I.E., SOMEWHERE AROUND 7 CENTS).
- 4. EL-BOUS ALSO THOUGHT WE HAD TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO SET TOO STRINGENT LIMITS ON IMPORTS FROM NON-MEMBERS. HE PARTICULARLY HAD IN MIND THE SITUATION THAT WOULD DEVELOP IF THE EEC DID NOT JOIN THE AGREE-MENT AT THE START. AN OVERLY TIGHT NON-MEMBER PROVISION HE THOUGHT WOULD INFLUENCE THE EEC'S CUSTOMERS (READ ARAB CUSTOMERS) TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE AGREEMENT. FINALLY, EL-BOUS AGREED THAT QUOTAUST BE REALISTIC, PREFERABLY BASED ON SOME HISTORIC PERFORMANCE PERIOD.

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